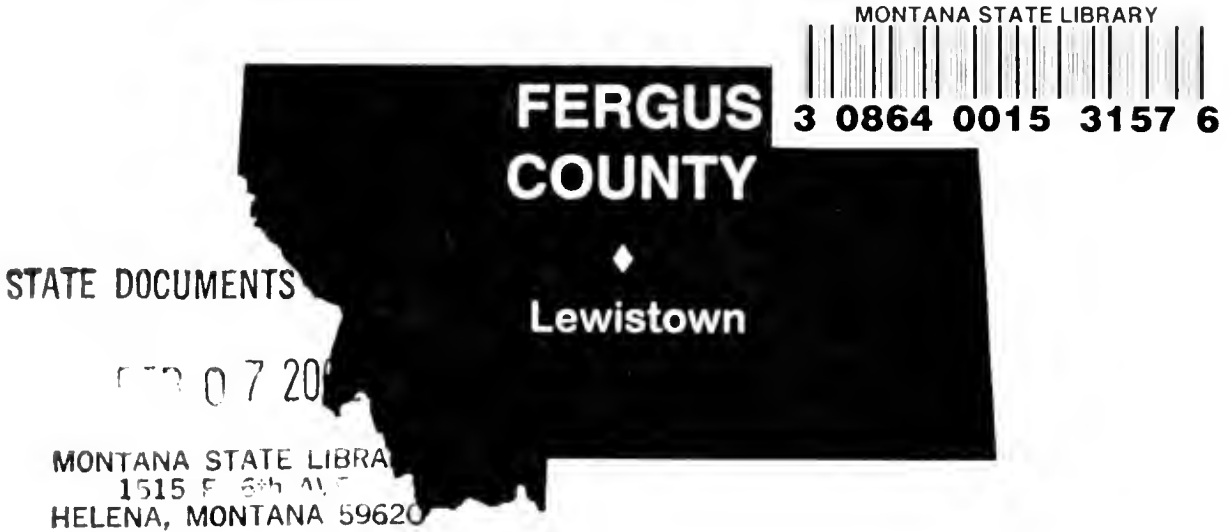


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Cities and Towns in Fergus County

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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Fergus County

Located in central Montana, Fergus County is Montana's 15th most populous with 11,893 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

Lewistown, the county seat, is the state's 13th largest city with a population of 5,813. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1885 and named for James Fergus, a pioneer, miner, cattleman and territorial legislator. There's been debate on where the city takes its name, but it's generally believed it's named after Camp Lewis, established in 1874 by Major William Lewis of the 7th U.S. Cavalry. It began as a trading post on the Carroll Trail in the 1880s and incorporated in 1899.

Lewistown is renowned for its water. Big Spring Water produces 99 million gallons a day at 99.9 percent purity. Agriculture and mining are also important to this city's economy.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Fergus County households in 1998 was \$28,283. The county is 4,350.5 square miles in area; 4,339.3 square miles in land area and 11.2 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Lewistown in January between 1961 and 1990 was 9.2 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 80.8 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 18.14 inches and the growing season was from May 28 to Sept. 13 (last and first frost).

Fergus County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

| Area | 2000 Census | 1990 Census | 1980 Census | % Change '90 to '00 | % Change '80 to '90 | % Change '80 to '00 |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Montana | 902,195 | 799,065 | 786,690 | 12.9% | 1.6% | 14.7% |
| Fergus County | 11,893 | 12,083 | 13,076 | -1.6% | -7.6% | -9.0% |
| Denton | 301 | 350 | 356 | -14.0% | -1.7% | -15.4% |
| Grass Range | 149 | 159 | 139 | -6.3% | 14.4% | 7.2% |
| Lewistown | 5,813 | 6,097 | 7,104 | -4.7% | -14.2% | -18.2% |
| Moore | 186 | 211 | 229 | -11.8% | -7.9% | -18.8% |
| Winifred | 156 | 150 | 155 | 4.0% | -3.2% | 0.6% |

1998 New Businesses by Industry

Fergus County

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Top 10 Private Employers In Fergus County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

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|--|---|---|
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|--|---|---|

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

Second Quarter 2001 Unemployment Insurance Information

This list includes **ONLY** private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county,

state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

| Annual Average Labor Force For Fergus County | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Year | Civilian Labor Force | Employed | Unem- ployed | Unem- ployment Rate |
| 2000 | 6,530 | 6,149 | 381 | 5.8% |
| 1999 | 6,454 | 6,113 | 341 | 5.3% |
| 1998 | 6,404 | 5,993 | 411 | 6.4% |
| 1997 | 6,213 | 5,844 | 369 | 5.9% |
| 1996 | 6,126 | 5,780 | 346 | 5.6% |
| 1995 | 5,887 | 5,521 | 366 | 6.2% |
| 1994 | 5,966 | 5,684 | 282 | 4.7% |
| 1993 | 5,752 | 5,427 | 325 | 5.7% |
| 1992 | 5,871 | 5,490 | 381 | 6.5% |
| 1991 | 5,830 | 5,391 | 439 | 7.5% |
| 1990 | 5,844 | 5,530 | 314 | 5.4% |
| 1989 | 6,071 | 5,667 | 404 | 6.7% |
| 1988 | 5,965 | 5,556 | 409 | 6.9% |
| 1987 | 5,979 | 5,475 | 504 | 8.4% |
| 1986 | 5,970 | 5,431 | 539 | 9.0% |
| 1985 | 5,927 | 5,447 | 480 | 8.1% |
| 1984 | 5,869 | 5,456 | 413 | 7.0% |
| 1983 | 6,018 | 5,576 | 442 | 7.3% |
| 1982 | 6,250 | 5,762 | 488 | 7.8% |
| 1981 | 6,264 | 5,936 | 328 | 5.2% |
| 1980 | 6,038 | 5,747 | 291 | 4.8% |
| 1979 | 6,092 | 5,883 | 209 | 3.4% |
| 1978 | 6,043 | 5,746 | 297 | 4.9% |
| 1977 | 5,573 | 5,274 | 299 | 5.4% |
| 1976 | 5,399 | 5,136 | 263 | 4.9% |
| 1975 | 5,181 | 4,912 | 269 | 5.2% |
| 1974 | 5,457 | 5,189 | 268 | 4.9% |
| 1973 | 5,052 | 4,826 | 226 | 4.5% |
| 1972 | 4,785 | 4,574 | 211 | 4.4% |
| 1971 | 4,863 | 4,673 | 190 | 3.9% |
| 1970 | 4,867 | 4,687 | 180 | 3.7% |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark)

| Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons | | | |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| Occupation | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 5,462 | 3,110 | 2,352 |
| Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations | 977 | 468 | 509 |
| Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations | 365 | 216 | 149 |
| Professional Specialty Occupations | 612 | 252 | 360 |
| Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations | 1,129 | 389 | 740 |
| Technicians and Related Support Occupations | 83 | 40 | 43 |
| Sales Occupations | 570 | 310 | 260 |
| Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical | 476 | 39 | 437 |
| Service Occupations | 1,078 | 317 | 761 |
| Private Household Occupations | 26 | 0 | 26 |
| Protective Service Occupations | 43 | 40 | 3 |
| Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household | 1,009 | 277 | 732 |
| Farming, Forestry, Fishing | 890 | 762 | 128 |
| Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations | 589 | 569 | 20 |
| Mechanics and Repairers | 238 | 238 | 0 |
| Construction Trade | 227 | 224 | 3 |
| Extractive Occupations | 38 | 38 | 0 |
| Precision Production Occupations | 86 | 69 | 17 |
| Operators, Fabricators and Laborers | 783 | 597 | 186 |
| Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors | 197 | 141 | 56 |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 317 | 291 | 26 |
| Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers | 269 | 165 | 104 |
| Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience | 16 | 8 | 8 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM)

Resources

⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5436

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

Lewistown Job Service Workforce Center
300 1st Ave. N., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-8701,
<http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/lewis town/>

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>

⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings

⇒ Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.
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⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Lewistown - Highway Department, West of Lewistown, 406-538-8725

⇒ Newspaper:

Lewistown News-Argus, P.O. Box 900, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-3401,
<http://www.lewis townnews.com>

⇒ Public Libraries:

Denton Public Library, 515 Broadway, Denton, MT 59430-0986, 406-567-2571
Lewistown Public Library, 701 W. Main St., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-5212
Moore Memorial Library, 403 Fergus Ave., Moore, MT 59464-0125

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Ayers Elementary, Box 100 Highway 87 W #106, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2368
Deerfield Elementary, Route 3 Box 3139, Lewistown, MT 59457-9513, 406-538-5926
Denton Public Schools, P.O. Box 1048, Denton, MT 59430, 406-567-2370
Grass Range Public Schools, P.O. Box 58, Grass Range, MT 59032, 406-428-2122
King Colony Elementary, Route 2 Box 2288, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-7613
Lewistown Public Schools, 215 Seventh Ave. S., Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-8777
Moore Public Schools, 509 Highland, Moore, MT 59464, 406-374-2231
Roy K-12 Schools, Box 9, Roy, MT 59471, 406-464-2511
Spring Creek Colony Elementary, P.O. Box 1185, Lewistown, MT 59457, 406-538-7980
Winifred K-12 Schools, Box 109, Winifred, MT 59489, 406-462-5349

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| Fergus County Employment By Industry* | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Annual Averages 2000 | | | |
| Industry | # of Establish- ments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Paid |
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 477 | 4,048 | \$83,640,637 |
| PRIVATE BUSINESS | 433 | 2,985 | \$57,804,209 |
| AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH | 11 | 37 | \$704,053 |
| Agriculture Services | 7 | 13 | \$264,362 |
| MINING | 4 | 7 | \$423,957 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 54 | 273 | \$8,260,971 |
| General Building | 19 | 32 | \$524,130 |
| Heavy Construction | 4 | 114 | \$4,412,541 |
| Special Trade | 31 | 127 | \$3,324,300 |
| MANUFACTURING | 27 | 304 | \$7,823,202 |
| Food Products | 6 | 38 | \$777,691 |
| Lumber | 7 | 44 | \$536,216 |
| Stone-Clay-Glass | 3 | 22 | \$467,145 |
| TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES | 23 | 123 | \$3,941,862 |
| Trucking-Warehousing | 8 | 8 | \$147,540 |
| Air Transportation | 4 | 19 | \$743,144 |
| Communication | 5 | 19 | \$345,585 |
| Elec., Gas, Sanitation | 4 | 65 | \$2,621,030 |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 29 | 237 | \$4,904,737 |
| Durable Goods | 10 | 88 | \$2,087,932 |
| Nondurable Goods | 18 | 148 | \$2,816,805 |
| RETAIL TRADE | 102 | 778 | \$10,209,363 |
| Bldg Materials-Garden | 8 | 47 | \$828,525 |
| Auto Dealers-Service Stations | 17 | 113 | \$2,082,882 |
| Apparel & Accessories | 8 | 50 | \$659,980 |
| Furniture Stores | 4 | 26 | \$343,942 |
| Eating & Drinking | 32 | 299 | \$2,300,103 |
| Miscellaneous Retail | 22 | 98 | \$1,893,582 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE | 27 | 134 | \$3,453,087 |
| Banking | 5 | 69 | \$1,883,238 |
| Insurance Carriers | 5 | 13 | \$484,716 |
| Insurance Agents | 4 | 13 | \$258,817 |
| Real Estate | 9 | 28 | \$307,309 |
| SERVICES | 147 | 1,084 | \$17,984,588 |
| Hotels & Lodging | 8 | 119 | \$1,215,964 |
| Personal Services | 9 | 26 | \$315,085 |
| Business Services | 13 | 38 | \$545,159 |
| Auto Repair Services | 12 | 34 | \$507,762 |
| Miscellaneous Repair Services | 4 | 9 | \$100,289 |
| Amusement & Recreation | 7 | 65 | \$608,276 |
| Health Services | 30 | 493 | \$10,779,354 |
| Legal Services | 11 | 13 | \$191,525 |
| Social Services | 15 | 148 | \$1,630,107 |
| Membership Organizations | 13 | 72 | \$631,447 |
| Engineering Services | 10 | 32 | \$1,133,722 |
| Private Households | 9 | 12 | \$224,035 |
| NONCLASSIFIABLE | 6 | 3 | \$98,609 |
| GOVERNMENT | 44 | 1,063 | \$25,836,428 |
| State | 12 | 294 | \$6,919,598 |
| Local | 19 | 604 | \$12,581,084 |
| Federal | 13 | 164 | \$6,335,746 |

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(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

| | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 | 1992 | 1991 | 1990 | 1980 | 1970 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| U.S. | \$28,542 | \$27,322 | \$25,874 | \$24,651 | \$23,562 | \$22,581 | \$21,718 | \$21,082 | \$20,089 | \$19,584 | \$10,183 | \$4,095 |
| Montana | \$21,997 | \$21,307 | \$20,173 | \$19,383 | \$18,764 | \$18,129 | \$18,072 | \$17,114 | \$16,509 | \$15,524 | \$9,143 | \$3,625 |
| % of National | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average | 77% | 78% | 78% | 79% | 80% | 80% | 83% | 81% | 82% | 79% | 90% | 89% |
| Fergus County | \$20,232 | \$19,595 | \$18,791 | \$17,260 | \$16,694 | \$16,135 | \$16,913 | \$15,800 | \$15,806 | \$15,295 | \$8,855 | \$3,743 |
| % of National | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average | 71% | 72% | 73% | 70% | 71% | 71% | 78% | 75% | 79% | 78% | 87% | 91% |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System - Released May 2001

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

| <i>School Age</i> | | American Indian & Alaska Native | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | White Alone | Black Alone | Alone | Alone | Alone | Alone | Races | | any Race | |
| | | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female |
| 5-11 | | 1,051 528 | 5 4 | 17 8 | 7 3 | 2 2 | 21 7 | 17 9 | | | |
| 12-14 | | 532 269 | 2 2 | 3 2 | 0 0 | 2 1 | 14 7 | 10 5 | | | |
| 15-17 | | 629 320 | 0 0 | 4 0 | 0 0 | 4 2 | 9 4 | 6 4 | | | |
| 18-21 | | 431 187 | 0 0 | 8 4 | 0 0 | 1 0 | 6 5 | 6 3 | | | |
| Total | | 2,643 1,304 | 7 6 | 32 14 | 7 3 | 9 5 | 50 23 | 39 21 | | | |

| <i>Working & Voting Age</i> | | American Indian & Alaska Native | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | White Alone | Black Alone | Alone | Alone | Alone | Alone | Races | | any Race | |
| | | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female |
| 16+ | | 9,173 4,735 | 1 0 | 107 53 | 14 12 | 30 18 | 84 43 | 59 32 | | | |
| 16-64 | | 6,857 3,373 | 1 0 | 78 36 | 14 12 | 26 15 | 69 34 | 56 30 | | | |
| 18+ | | 8,746 4,517 | 1 0 | 107 53 | 14 12 | 26 16 | 80 42 | 55 30 | | | |
| 18-64 | | 6,430 3,155 | 1 0 | 78 36 | 14 12 | 22 13 | 65 33 | 52 28 | | | |

| <i>Other Age Group</i> | | American Indian & Alaska Native | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | | White Alone | Black Alone | Alone | Alone | Alone | Alone | Races | | any Race | |
| | | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female | Total Female |
| 0-4 | | 590 292 | 2 2 | 9 6 | 2 1 | 0 0 | 14 6 | 8 5 | | | |
| 5-17 | | 2,212 1,117 | 7 6 | 24 10 | 7 3 | 8 5 | 44 18 | 33 18 | | | |
| 18-44 | | 3,422 1,674 | 1 0 | 49 22 | 9 8 | 17 12 | 39 22 | 37 23 | | | |
| 45-64 | | 3,008 1,481 | 0 0 | 29 14 | 5 4 | 5 1 | 26 11 | 15 5 | | | |
| 65+ | | 2,316 1,362 | 0 0 | 29 17 | 0 0 | 4 3 | 15 9 | 3 2 | | | |
| Total | | 11,548 5,926 | 10 8 | 140 69 | 23 16 | 34 21 | 138 66 | 96 53 | | | |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data
Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Fergus County

| County of Residence | | # Who Work in Fergus County | County of Work | | # Who Live in Fergus County |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Out of State | 30 | | Out of State | 35 | |
| Cascade County | 18 | | Cascade County | 13 | |
| Fergus County | 4,889 | | Fergus County | 4,889 | |
| Judith Basin County | 74 | | Judith Basin County | 21 | |
| Madison County | 7 | | Petroleum County | 21 | |
| Missoula County | 8 | | Phillips | 32 | |
| Musselshell County | 15 | | Richland | 16 | |
| Petroleum County | 8 | | Teton County | 11 | |
| Teton County | 7 | | Wheatland County | 21 | |
| Other Montana Counties | 27 | | Other Montana Counties | 48 | |

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics